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TRUCK CROP REPORT

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Reports on commercial truck crops issued the past two days by the Department's Marketing Service call attention to the lack of rain in some growing sections and too much rain in other sections.

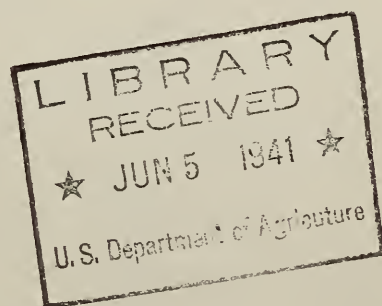
In Texas rains during the first week of May caused some crop losses, particularly to cucumbers, onions and tomatoes. The weather was better during the second week. High temperatures in the vegetable growing areas of California during the first two weeks of this month may mean a smaller tomato crop in that state. In the Southeast -- from south Georgia northward there is need of rain. The strawberry season is about over in Louisiana and the Arkansas harvest is at its peak. Supplies of strawberries from the growing areas of Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania are expected to increase during the next two weeks.

Indications are for an increase of thirty percent in the production of snap beans in the area including Arkansas, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Production of lettuce in the areas of Idaho, New Jersey, Oregon, Virginia, and Washington is reported to be about ten percent larger than both the 1940 production and the ten year average.

Production of tomatoes in the second early states -- Georgia, Louisiana, South Carolina, and parts of Texas is indicated at slightly over three and a half million bushels. This is eleven percent less than last year. The number of acres planted to tomatoes in the intermediate states -- Arkansas, California, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, and parts of Ohio and Illinois is about the same as last year.

Now this is not a report on tomatoes for canning -- growers who produce tomatoes for canning are planting their crop particularly in the midwest -- so it's too early to tell whether there will be the increase in acreage of tomatoes for canning that is desired by the government.



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